

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

**Notice:** The meeting will also be viewable live at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpicKR47VMil1LA>

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

OPEN SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council:

Council President, Bob Rodericks – At Large  
Council Vice-President: Frank Rego – Ward 1  
Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2  
Councilman Frank Fogarty - Ward 3  
Councilman Rick Lawson - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael Marcello  
City Clerk, Jill Seppa

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

Fogarty\_\_\_\_\_ Lawson\_\_\_\_\_ Rego\_\_\_\_\_ Sousa \_\_\_\_\_ Rodericks\_\_\_\_\_

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

1. Restaurant Week Participant Acknowledgements –City Council
2. Rhode Island Energy to review multi-year gas project in the Kent Heights area.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council of East Providence may meet in Executive Session,  
pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2)

**CLAIMS:**

1. Jack Richter

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Fogarty\_\_\_\_\_ Lawson\_\_\_\_\_ Rego\_\_\_\_\_ Sousa \_\_\_\_\_ Rodericks\_\_\_\_\_

**V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote –**

**1. COUNCIL JOURNALS**

1. June 13, 2024 Worksession
2. June 25, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. June 27, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

**VIII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote**

**A. Motion to bundle licenses**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. Motion to approve licenses**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. One Day-Entertainment

Applicant: Armondo Medeiros

Event: Feast of the Holy Ghost

Address: 26 Teofilo Braga Way (02914)

Date & Time: July 12, 2024 – July 14, 2024 7:00pm-12:00Am

Entertainment: Band

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Special Event License – Class F

Applicant: Armondo Medeiros

Event: Feast of the Holy Ghost

Address: 26 Teofilo Braga Way (02914)

Date & Time: July 12, 2024 – July 14, 2024 7:00pm-12:00am

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Hawkers

Applicant: Robert Baptista

Business Name: A Positive Atmosphere

Address: 52 Burgess Ave (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Mobile Food Est.  
 Application: Saket Lohia  
 Business Address: 910 Main St (01610)  
 Business name: Grub Guru

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Victualing – 25 - 50 people  
 Application: Kevin Matos  
 Business Address: 227-233 Warren Ave (02914)  
 Business name: Matos Café and Mercado

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Mobile Food Est.  
 Applicant: James Appel  
 Business Address: 8171 Ravenna Lakes Dr (33473)  
 Business name: Jerrys Food Concessions

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Food Concession Stand-Victualing 1 more than 51  
 Application: Monica Silva  
 Business: Dune Bros.  
 Location: 700 Bullocks Point Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

9. Sundays and Holidays

Application: Monica Silva

Business: Dune Bros.

Location: 700 Bullocks Point Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

10. Special Event – One Day

Applicants name: Kelly Parlin

Event: Toe Jam Puppet Band

Location: 41 Grove Ave (02914)

Date and Time : July 27, 2024 2:00pm-3:30pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

11. Special Event – One Day

Applicant: Kelly Parlin

Location:41 Grove Ave (02914)

Event: Henry the Juggler

Date and Time: July 16, 2024 2:00-3:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

12. Special Event – One Day

Applicant: Kelly Parlin

Location:41 Grove Ave (02914)

Event: Touch a Truck

Date and Time: July 23, 2024 2:00-3:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

13. Special Event – One Day

Applicant: Kelly Parlin

Location:41 Grove Ave (02914)

Event: Circus Dynamics

Date and Time: July 30, 2024 2:00-3:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

14. Special Event – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Robert McNeil

Event: Chain Reaction Charity Fundraiser

Address: 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Date: July 15, 2024 9:00am-3:00pm

Entertainment: Live Band

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

15. Special Event- Class F

Applicant: Robert McNeil

Event: Chain Reaction Charity Fundraiser

Address: 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Date: July 15, 2024 9:00am-3:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

16. Road Race

Applicant: Siobhan Breagy

Location; Pierce Stadium

Date and Time: November 2, 2024 5:00am – noon

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

17. Block Party

Applicant: Laura Winig on behalf of NTRA

Location: 0 Riverside Dr

Date and Time: August 24, 2024 3:30-7:30pm (rain date August 25, 2024)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

18. One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Laura Winig on behalf of NTRA

Location: 0 Riverside Dr

Date and Time: August 24, 2024 3:30-7:30pm (rain date August 25, 2024)

Entertainment: Live Band

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

19. One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Tracy Johnson on behalf of Crescent Park Carousel

Event: Summerfest

Location: 700 Bullocks Pt Ave

Date and Time: July 17, 2024 4:00-10:00pm

Entertainment: Live music/carnival

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

20. One Day Entertainment

Event: New England Witches Guild Parade & Festival

Location: 700 Bullocks Pt Avenue

Date and Time: October 19, 2024 10:00am-4:00pm

Entertainment: live music, parade, dancing, vendors

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

21. One Day Entertainment

Event: Cruise Night

Location: 640 Bullocks Pt Avenue

Date and Time: August 10, 2024 2:00pm-6:00pm

Entertainment: DJ

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

22. Sunday and Holiday

Applicant: Chansaophea Mom

Business: Super Nails & Spa

Business Address: 550-552 Warren Avenue



Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

23. Block Party

Applicant: Matthew Turbitt

Address: 145 Taunton Ave (02914)

Date and Time: July 17, 2024 4:00-8:00pm

Entertainment: Bounce House

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

24. Food Truck Event

Applicant: Joseph Boisvert

Location: 145 Taunton Avenue

Date and Time: July 17, 2024 4-8:00pm

Food trucks to attend: Raras Surf Shack, Axelrods Fry Shack, GG's Pretzels, Hot Potato, Lemon Lane, Food Vibes

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS-**

*Any person who submits a communication to the Council and wishes to speak on it must indicate this in writing no later than 4:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. A person who lists more than one topic on their communication will be allowed to speak on the first one listed.*

1. *Frank McMahon 117 Hobson Ave – Neighborhood concern*

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*All persons wishing to make public comment shall sign a public comment sheet stating their name, address and the subject of their comments. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. The order of speakers will be on a first come, first serve basis and the maximum time for public comment shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes per meeting.*

**XI. APPOINTMENTS - none**

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

1. Update on RFQ for On Call Financial Advisor – discuss - Councilwoman Sousa
2. Clarification on multipurpose field behind Riverside Middle School –discuss- Councilman Lawson
3. Councilman Lawson statement on Crescent Park Project-discuss-Councilman Lawson
4. Councilman Lawson statement in Oldham building-discuss-Councilman Lawson
5. Discussion on parking around Crescent Park-discuss-Councilman Lawson

**XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for final passage - For discussion and possible vote-**

1. An Ordinance In Amendment Of Chapter 18 Of The Revised Ordinances Of The City Of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, As Amended, Entitled “Vehicles And Traffic”

*Summary: Sec. 18-269(b) Stop Sign - Fairview Avenue at Bloomfield Street and Bloomfield Street at Fairview Avenue*

*Sponsor: Councilman Fogarty*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

1. Standing Item - Discuss impact of Washington Bridge closure in the City of East Providence – *City Council*
2. Update on Fire Academy and Collective Bargaining for a Fourth Rescue as agreed upon with the Mayor on December 5, 2023 and placed on the docket June 25, 2024– receive update and discuss – Council Vice President Rego
3. Family Fun Night East Providence City Hall – discuss – Council Vice President Rego & Councilwoman Sousa
4. Update on, status of project and predicted timeline– Council Vice President Rego
  - A. Potter & Burgess Parking Lots
  - B. Pierce Field
  - C. Storefront Improvement Program
  - D. Community Center

- E. Police Department
- F. Crescent Park Concession Stand
- G. Event Pad
- H. Kent Heights
- I. Art Utility Box Project
- J. Bold Point Park
- K. Oldham School Business Incubator
- L. Oldham School physical building updates; roof, windows and doors
- M. Placemaking- Citywide
- N. Splash Pad- Riverside
- O. Adaptive Playground Equipment

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS-none**
- B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS-none**
- C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON-none**
- D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote-none**

**E. Public Hearing on Proposed Charter Amendments as recommended by the East Providence Charter Commission and East Providence City Council**

1. Discussion and vote to determine potential resolutions for placement of Charter amendments on ballot.
2. Regarding the City Council's power of inquiry
3. Regarding appointments to the Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Board of Assessment Review
4. Regarding appointments by ordinance
5. Regarding the City Solicitor and Legal Advisors
6. Regarding partisan elections
7. Regarding the Charter Commission
8. Regarding licensing authority
9. Regarding the City Budget, Notice and Advertising
10. Regarding finance
11. Regarding employee protection
12. Regarding independent audit
13. Regarding compensation of elected officials

**F. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote-**

1. Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of East Providence Appropriating Up To \$232,615.00 Toward The Full-Time Operation Of A Fourth Rescue  
*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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